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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5479

INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY BONN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 2271

PARIS ALSO FOR UNESCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG, PORG, UNESCO, US

SUBJECT: PLO SEEKING PERMANENT OBSERVER STATUS AT UNESCO

REF: STATE 080985

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED WITH DFA APR 14 TUNISIAN EFFORT TO OBTAIN CO-SPONSORS FOR NEW AGENDA ITEM AT MAY 5 EXBD MEETING OF UNESCO, WHICH WOULD GRANT PLO PERMANENT OBSERVER STATUS AT UNESCO HEADQUARTERS (REFTEL). DFA (PIPER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BRANCH) KNEW OF  
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TUNISIAN INITIATIVE, WHICH HE SAID PROBABLY REFLECTS VERY ACTIVE

ROLE BEING PLAYED BY PLO REPRESENTATIVE SUSSE (PHONETIC),  
WHO IS OPERATING IN UNESCO CIRCLES IN PARIS.

2. PIPER SAID DFA VERY MUCH AWARE OF PROBLEM THIS INITIATIVE  
WOULD PRESENT TO U.S., IN VIES OF ACTION ALREADY TAKEN  
BY U.S. CONGRESS ON UNESCO. HE SAID DFA WOULD HAVE TO  
OBTAIN DECISION FROM MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON AUS-  
TRALIAN POLICY BEFORE INSTRUCTING AUSTRALIAN UNESCO REP.  
HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT PLO ALREADY HAS DE FACTO PERMANENT  
OBSERVER MISSION AT UN IN NEW YORK, WHICH IS RECEIVING UN  
DOCUMENTATION AND ISSUING STATEMENTS ON ITS OWN BEHALF, AND  
HE RECALLED UN RESOLUTION PASSED BY LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
WHICH CALLED FOR PLO TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH ALL AREAS OF  
UN ACTIVITY. GOA HAD ABSTAINED ON THIS RESOLUTION, BUT  
IT WAS PASSED AND IS NOW A FACT. PIPER FELT LOGIC OF SIT-  
UATION WOULD OBLIGE AUSTRALIANS TO GO ALONG WITH TUNISIAN  
INITIATIVE, ALTHOUGH RECOMMENDATION TO MINISTER FOR FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS WOULD NOTE PROBLEM PASSAGE OF SUCH RESOLUTION WOULD  
POSE FOR FURTHER U.S. BUDGETARY SUPPORT FOR UNESCO.

3. COMMENT: ISRAEL HAS STRONG SUPPORTERS IN AUSTRALIA,  
BOTH WITHIN THE GOVERNING LABOR PARTY AND WITHIN COMMUNITY  
AT LARGE. MOREOVER, THERE IS ACTIVE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN  
CANBERRA, WHICH IS IN CONTACT WITH SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF  
MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT OF BOTH GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION GROUPS.  
HOWEVER, IT IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT AUSTRALIA, DESPITE ITS  
MISGIVINGS, WILL GO ALONG WITH THE TUNISIAN INITIATIVE DES-  
CRIBED IN REFTEL.  
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